(*a*) whether they are aware that considerable difficulties are experienced by touring officers and strangers for want of a public halting place in the town of Parur; and

(*b*) whether they will, in the light of the above fact, see that a P. W. D. camp-shed or a *satram* is constructed in that town in the immediate future?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. In this connection, the attention of the member is invited to the discussion on motion No. 165 at the first session of the Legislative Council held during Karkadakam, 1097. The provision of Rs. 3,000 made in the draft budget for 1098 for the construction of a camp-shed at Parur was opposed by the member himself and vetoed by the Council.

(*b*) Provision will be made for the construction of a camp-shed in the draft budget for 1100 M. E.

Co-operative Banks for Kuttanad.

419. MR. L. R. RAJARAJA VARMA KOILTAMPURAN (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to promote the establishment of co-operative banks among *punja* cultivators in Kuttanad by rendering some special pecuniary help to them?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Co-operative Department will give all necessary advice in the matter of promoting the establishment of Co-operative banks in the Kuttanad. The Trivandrum Central Co-operative Bank, one of whose objects is the financing of Co-operative societies, is the institution to which such societies should apply for pecuniary help.

Appointments made by the Account Officer.

420. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many persons there are now in the Account Office on Rs. 25 and above who were appointed by the present Account Officer, and how many among them are Brahmins, Nayars, Catholic Christians, other Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Statements* giving the information required by the member are laid on the table.

Verification of Age of Non-Christian Officers.

421. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state how, under the provisions of Article 352 (*c*) of the Travancore Service Regulations, the age of non-Christian officers is verified and entered in their service books?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The information required by the member is contained in the Article itself

* *Vide* appendix VII A & B—page 1215.

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